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In re Application of: Arne Staby

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Group Art Unit: TBA

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Examiner: TBA

For: Ion exchange chromatography of proteins and peptides

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of 09/522,694 filed March 10, 2000 and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of U.S. provisional application nos. 60/125,882 and 60/179,335 filed March 24, 1999 and January 31, 2000, respectively, and of Danish application nos. 1999 00360 and 2000 00083 filed March 15, 1999 and January 19, 2000, respectively, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 3, 5 and 7-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following new claims.

--11. The process of claim 2, wherein said peptide to be purified is selected from polypeptides, oligopeptides, proteins, receptors, vira, as well as homologs, analogs and derivatives thereof.